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ord Makers in Season.

IN SIX YEARS HE  
HAS MADE GOOD HARD

London, Dec. 19.—With the flat racing season at an end, sporting men are discussing the usual array of statistics published by the papers. In the list of winning jockeys, Danny Maher, the American rider, is third with firsts under the wire, but second in percentage.

For the preceding seven years Maher has been first in percentage, although in winning mounts he was second to Wootton in 1909 and 1910. For the first time since 1903, Maher has failed to ride 100 winners, the number this season being one short of the century mark. Since 1900, when he made his first appearance on an English race course, Maher has ridden 1,197 winners, an average of 99 a year.

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year. Wootton in six years has ridden 973 winners, an average of 113 a year. Wootton had by far his most successful year this season, having been up on 187 winners out of 746 mounts. The taking on of weight may relieve Maher of his greatest rival, as it is said that on this account Wootton may not be able to ride more than one more season. In order to insure even this brief extension of his racing season he will be compelled to avoid the winter in India, where he will get sufficient work to keep him down to weight. Maher also finds it increasingly difficult to keep to weight. To avoid taking on fat he will spend the winter hunting.

It was clear many weeks ago that Earl Derby, senior steward of the Jockey club, would lead the list of winning owners. His aggregate of \$215,000 is nearly double the amount which placed him second to Mr. Fazio last year. No owner has had such a season to his credit since 1896, when Leopold de Rothschild topped the list with a total of \$223,500. Two horses, Standfast and Swayford, won most of Lord Derby's money for him.

That millions are wasted under the present system of education in Great Britain was the startling statement recently made by Sir John Gorst, formerly vice president for education. This has added fuel to the fire of criticism in which the plan for universal education has been exposed since its inception.

Sir John said among other things: "The majority of those who care for the welfare of the people and are experts in education consider that the greater part of this money under the present system is wasted and might as well, so far as education is concerned, be thrown into the sea. Physical growth of the children of the nation is, except in the more advanced of our great cities, insufficiently provided for."

A starved and stunted race is being allowed to grow up as a legacy for the next generation to deal with, for in most elementary schools children are only drilled, not educated.

"Originality of teacher and children is utterly repressed. The new education by work first and books afterwards, introduced into the schools of Bavaria and spreading over Germany and elsewhere, is only partially known in British and Irish schools. The higher and university schools are still fettered by medieval systems, which make the acquisition of learning to be produced at examinations the main work of students."

With the incoming of the new minister of education, Sir John proposes a radical revolution in the manner and methods of administering the educational grants.

The successful transatlantic voyage of the Toller, an internal combustion motor ship which was built at Wallendene-Tyne for carrying grain on Canadian canals, has given impetus to the building of similar craft by British shipyards. The Toller was especially designed as a large cargo carrier and the saving in engine room by the installation of gas engines made for economy in space. The vessel will carry 57,000 bushels, or an increase of 15,000 bushels over a steam-driven ship of her dimensions. In addition to the savings in stokers' wages there is the reduction in fuel costs, the burning of only 100 tons of oil per day in comparison with a steamship's eight or nine tons of coal.

Keen interest is being taken in the building of a twin screw motor ship which will have its trial port month from the Clyde shipyard, where she is being built. She is the pioneer of motor ocean carriers, and her success may mean a revolution in marine engineering.

For service on the Great Lakes of America a large motor ship is being built at Glasgow. She will have motors of 1,000 horsepower.

## PORTER CHARLTON AWAITING VERDICT

After a Year and a Half in the Hudson County Jail, Man Accused of Murdering Wife Doesn't Know Fate.

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 19.—After a year and a half in the Hudson county jail awaiting some definite disposition of his case, Porter Charlton, accused of having slain his wife at Lake Como, Italy, in June, 1910, is facing another year and a half of inaction.

All the persons concerned are apparently willing that the case shall take its tedious course. The man's father, Judge Paul Charlton of Port Jervis, and other of the family have made no move to hasten judicial action.

Major Scott, brother of the murdered woman is also silent. The case is delayed by Charlton's appeal to the supreme court against extradition. Indications at present are that his appeal will not be reached before 1912. His extradition to Italy, it is believed, would result in a sentence of twenty years imprisonment.

Charlton's cell, facing the south, is sunny and pleasant. He spends his time in reading and writing, the greater part of his composition being verses. He is well supplied with funds, and his food is all purchased outside the jail. He smokes cigarettes constantly.

Mary Scott, Charlton's 35 years old, was murdered by her husband, who was just 21 years old, in their villa at Lake Como, Italy, June 3, 1910. The body was stuffed into a trunk and thrown into the lake. Charlton fled a few days later and was picked up by the trunk and disclosed the murder.

Charlton was arrested June 21 at his home from the steamer "Princess Irene," at Hoboken, N. J. Proceedings to return him to Italy immediately were begun. They were resisted on the ground that Charlton was insane. When this plea was overruled application for a writ of habeas corpus was made and denied. An appeal was taken to the supreme court and it still is pending.

Crimes into which the sex element enters are specially provided for in the Italian law and it is probable that if Charlton is returned to Italy and convicted his sentence will be light.

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## MILLER HOTEL AT TEST CASE BEING ROSWELL MAY BE INVOLVED

Sudden Activity Among Lien Holders May Result in Builder Being Squeezed Out Without a Cent.

(Roswell Morning News.)  
Sudden activity is noted in the legal entanglement involving the unfinished four-story Mont Miller hotel property on East Fourth street.

Thursday, the lien holders with R. L. Miller, the proprietor of the El Capitol hotel, and the man who started the big four-story building, and after getting half completed run short of funds, expired. The lien holders, siding the Miller interests of something like \$27,000, if they can do so.

The lien holders have paid the interest on the insurance company loan of \$12,000, and allowed their own interests to accrue a twelve week and decide what they will do.

As the matter now stands the lien holders may sell the property, not on month increase.

One year ago, Mr. Miller seeing that he was in a bad shape financially, asked the lien holders to give him twelve months, he feeling sure he could complete the building and cover their indebtedness. At the time he and his wife placed a warranty deed in the hands of A. Pruitt, the trustee, to be delivered to the lien holders upon the expiration of the twelve months' tenancy.

It is understood Mr. Miller has hoped to delay the closing by legal methods, but has been unable to do so.

W. P. Turner of the Turner-Davis Realty company, hopes Mr. Miller will be able to do so, as he has an experienced hotel man coming from Missouri in a week, to look at the property with a view to buying.

## EASTERN PLAINS GET FINE RAIN

Texico and Vicinity Visited by Generous Downpour and by Heavy Snow Which Assures Excellent Crop Season.

(Texico Trumpet.)  
The damp, stormy weather last week terminated in a gentle, steady rain which started falling at Texico Friday evening and continued all that night. The rainfall was straight down and every drop went into the ground, thoroughly saturating the soil with moisture. In all, a good, heavy rain fell and the benefit was at least twice as much more than it would have been had it come in cloud burst fashion.

Some old timers say that the ground is wet down for two feet—more than at any other time in the last three years.

Then on top of this came a gentle snow Monday afternoon which came down in big flakes and without any wind and also continued during the night. It was the prettiest snowfall that has been seen here for years.

The winter season is bringing smiles to our farmers, for it means a good crop year. With a wet subsoil to start the crop in the spring they will need only a few showers in the summer to mature them. The rains for the last two years have been sufficient to mature the crops, but the trouble has been in the condition of the subsoil in the spring. A wet winter means a reserve supply of moisture in the subsoil in the land that has been farmed to hold the winter rains, and the short dry spells will not hurt crops growing in a damp subsoil.

## FORTUNE GOES TO YOUNG MAN FROM GRANDFATHER

Young Archibald Sinclair to Receive Cool Million of Hard American Dollars None of Which He Earned.

New York, Dec. 19.—A million American dollars will be sent to Archibald Sinclair, a young man who became an English youth who became 21 years old on October 22. He is Archibald Sinclair, a subaltern of life guards.

The money comes from the estate of his mother, who was Mabel Sands, a Londoner who died a quarter of a century ago as "the beautiful American."

The fund which will now go to young Sinclair amounted to only \$4 million dollars when it was set aside in care of an American trustee at the time of his mother's death twenty years ago. The careful handling has doubled the amount, besides furnishing an annual allowance of from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for the support of the boy.

Young Sinclair will succeed to a baronetcy and one of the most valuable estates in Scotland upon the death of his grandfather, Sir Tollemache, who is 87 years old. More than one hundred square miles are included in the estate.

Sir Tollemache is eccentric. Though he possesses vast wealth and a dozen castles and country seats, he lives in a small suite of rooms of St. James street, London, and lives on herring and hominy.

The Biggest Christmas Mail Cargo.  
The White Star steamer Oceanic from Southampton, brought into port yesterday the heaviest cargo of mail ever received in this country. The Oceanic had 5,616 sacks of letters and postcards and 130 bags of parcels post, making in all 5,846 bags.

The previous record for a single ship was made by the American liner St. Louis, which, December 23, 1910, brought in 5,566 sacks.

The bags arriving on the Oceanic contained about 2,500,000 letters. Extra hands were not only sent to the mail room but the ship into the two mail boats and the Oceanic was two hours and a half late at its pier in consequence.

First Mrs. Chandler Drops Suit.  
Mrs. Julius Chamberlain Chandler, the first wife of Robert Chandler, who sued him to prevent him from disposing of any of his property under his ante-nuptial gift to Lina Cavalieri, so as to protect her alimony, discontinued yesterday her action against her former husband's property.

This action was necessary to enable Chandler to mortgage his property for \$75,000 in order to settle Cavalieri's claim against him.

Higher Than Any Other Steeple Jack.  
Higher up than ever before reached by a steeple jack, Bob Merrill, the famous under-the-clouds painter, placed his brush yesterday on top of the Metropolitan tower. It was just 710 feet from the sidewalk.

The tip top of the Metropolitan tower consists of a gigantic octagonal lantern, from the center of which rises a peak surmounted by a ball. Below the lantern is a balcony. It was the work of Merrill and his assistants to climb all of this.

Threatens the Christmas Dinner.  
New Yorkers may have trouble roasting the Christmas goose if the 22,000 gas workers in greater New York go out on strike, as they threaten to do. All efforts of the workers to meet with President George Cortright of the Consolidated gas company have been unavailing. Another letter was prepared for him. It is not likely that many more will be sent to him.

President Henry Kane of the Gas Workers' union, and Calvin Wyatt, national organizer of the American Federation of Labor, would not say today what day they expect to call out the workers. It may be this week. It may be next week. It will undoubtedly be before Christmas if the stop is decided upon. They propose to darken every gas jet and leave fireless every gas range in New York.

The gas supply of New York is made from day to day. If the workers quit it will not last more than twenty-four hours. There is no reserve stock around a gas works, and men skilled in the making of gas are not so easily gathered up as the drivers of street cleaning carts.

Prisoners Must Tell Habits.  
All persons placed under arrest in New York City after January 1, must answer a long series of questions to supplement the "pedigree" which is required by the police regulations. The new questions, which are arranged in a formidable row on index cards, now being prepared, include the following:

Are you temperate or intemperate; are you idle; are you independent or dependent; are you bright or slow; are you happy or depressed; are you indifferent; are you kind or ugly; are you social or solitary?

The exact purpose of the inquiry is not made known by the police officials.

BRITONS SHOCKED BY THE KING'S PROPOSAL.  
London, Dec. 19.—King George's announcement in Delhi of proposed great changes in the government of India has thrown Londoners into a state of confusion. The old school students of Indian policy are aghast and they act and talk like men stunned by the explosion of a bombshell.

"Startling and tremendous," was the phrase applied by Lord Curzon to the contemplated reforms.

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